

Open Education Curriculum Board Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2011

The Open Education Curriculum Board (OECB) met at 2 p.m. in the James Monroe State Office Building, Jefferson Conference Room, 22nd Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

Members Present:

Senator John Watkins, Chair

Delegate Betsy Carr

Delegate Richard “Rich” Anderson

Mr. Lan Neugent (Representing Dr. Patricia Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction)

The Honorable Jim Duffey, Secretary of Technology

Mr. Douglas Levin

Mr. Chris McCarney

Ms. Joanie Pond

Members Absent:

The Honorable Gerard Robinson, Secretary of Education

Delegate Christopher Peace

Department of Education Staff Present:

Mrs. Anne Wescott, Assistant Superintendent for Policy and Communications

Ms. Michelle Vucci, Director, Office of Policy

Mrs. Jean Weller, Educational Technology Specialist, Office of Educational Technology

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the June 6, 2011, meeting minutes as printed and distributed to all board members. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

First Review of Open Education Curriculum Board Regulations Document:

Dr. Kirk Schroder presented the board with a discussion outline of key points to consider for the drafting of regulations by the Virginia Open Education Curriculum Board. The three key areas outlined are:

1. Creating an incentive to submit content.
2. Organizing the submitted content.
3. Establishing a common platform for making the submitted content available.

The Open Education Curriculum Board received suggestions from Dr. Schroder to adopt policies that:

1. Encourage creation of education materials that will be made available for use by Open Education Consortiums.
2. Encourage the creation of Consortiums to develop, organize, and make education materials available.
3. Pursue policies that have the potential of reducing the cost of textbooks and educational materials.

First Review of Virginia's Open Education Consortium Designation Process:

Mr. Lan Neugent presented the board with the First Review of Virginia's Open Education Consortium Designation Process. The legislation mandates that the board have an application process in place for the review of open education resources. Following the board's approval of criteria for designating qualifying entities and the Virginia Open Education Review Process, the Department of Education will request Consortiums to submit applications for review and approval. The Open Education Curriculum Board will consider the review committee's recommendations and determine whether an application should receive OECB-Designated Consortium status and which tier level it meets. Once approved as an OECB-Designated Consortium, Consortiums may make their resources available on the Internet or through printed media. The Open Education Curriculum Board will receive public comment and/or written comment concerning approved Consortiums to follow adherence to OECB-approved criteria. If the criteria are not met, Consortiums will be required to submit a corrective action plan for consideration.

Senator Watkins recommended the board review the document and bring comments at the next meeting on October 17, 2011. Senator Watkins recommended the Office of the Attorney General review the document and provide representation at all future board meetings. Carrie Nee, Office of the Attorney General, was in attendance at the July 25, 2011, meeting and reported to the board that she or another staff member from the Office of the Attorney General will be permanently assigned to this board to provide counsel.

Schedule for 2012 Open Education Curriculum Board Meetings:

The meeting dates for 2012 will be as follows:

April 16, 2012
June 11, 2012
August 13, 2012
October 15, 2012

Agenda Items for Next Meeting (October 17, 2011):

Board members were asked to review the documents presented at the July 25, 2011, meeting and bring their comments and suggestions to the October 17, 2011, meeting for further discussion.

Election of Chairman/Vice Chairman for 2012:

Senator Watkins recommended that this item be tabled until the next meeting scheduled October 17, 2011.

Request for Public Comment:

Senator Watkins opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the board, Senator Watkins adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.